

talking about 16 is what Senator Pirsch tells me. It's better for them, better for Norfolk and better for the tribal community colleges and if we can work an arrangement out with everybody involved so they can continue attending the tribal community colleges with the help of Norfolk and the recognition of had they be in Norfolk, the state aid would follow them there anyway. And so that's kind of the rationale. And, as Senator Robinson mentioned, there's actually a...this is not a new issue in the Legislature, we dealt with this last year and it was vetoed out. LB 195 did come before the Appropriations Committee this year which would be an out and out recognize the need for the tribal community colleges in the statute and write a check accordingly, it's certainly my opinion if you agree that those students should qualify for aid, the best way to do that would be to do it as the Robinson amendment in this and put them directly under the distribution formula and then if the enrollment would go up, there would be some minor growth there. But, regardless, we're not talking about (inaudible) huge sums of money, nor are we talking about a large number of people, but, obviously, it would be of benefit and recognition of the good that the tribal community colleges does. So I would support Senator Robinson's amendment.

SPEAKER BAACK: Thank you, Senator Moore. Senator Horgan.

SENATOR HORGAN: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and members, I would rise on behalf of the amendment to endorse it. I believe the Indian Tribal Community College is an important part of the educational structure in the State of Nebraska and the students who attend those states (sic) are entitled to the support and endorsements that students at any of our publicly institutions receive. And the fact that this college receives the bulk of its fund federally does not take away the liability or the responsibility of the State of Nebraska and its citizens to help support these types of good institutions. These dollars would go to help the non-Indian students who attend these colleges which aids in the diversity of the institutions and shows a responsibility on the part of the State of Nebraska and the citizens of this state that we have an interest in these types of educational opportunities for this community and for the people who attend this college. And I think it's a responsible thing for us to do. I think we ought to show that we have some faith in the work that they're doing and it's a good endorsement of what they are trying to do in a diverse educational environment. And I think Senator Robinson is to be